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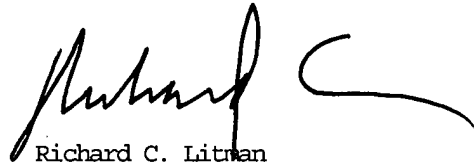
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		GB 609,361	3/1946	United Kingdom			

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